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1. SUMMARY: WILLY BRANDT HAD A WELL PUBLICIZED VISIT TO INDIA DECEMBER 20-22 AND DISCUSSED THE COMMISSION HE HEADS IN A PRESS CONFERENCE. A COPY OF THE PRESS RELEASE IS BEING POUCHED TO BONN. END SUMMARY

2. DURING HIS VISIT IN INDIA BRANDT HAD MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI, CABINET MINISTERS (INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER FERNANDES), LEADERS OF THE

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JANATA AND CONGRESS PARTIES, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT-COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL TAMPHAL AND L K JHA, GOVERNOR OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR. BRANDT'S TWO MAJOR THEMES APPARENTLY WERE THE DANGERS OF THE ARMS RACE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A FRUITFUL NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE PARIS TALKS

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BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES QUOTE HAD NOT WORKED OUT TOO WELL UNQUOTE.

3. AT A DECEMBER 22 PRESS CONFERENCE BRANDT DISCUSSED THE WORK AND ORGANIZATION OF HIS COMMISSION. HE SAID THAT A SOLUTION TO THE GRAVE NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS QUOTE CONSTITUTE THE MAIN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTION FOR THE REST OF OUR CENTURY UNQUOTE. HE OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF CONCENTRATION FOR THE COMMISSION:

A) THE NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (THE COMMISSION'S CENTRAL CONCERN);

B) IDENTIFICATION OF DESIRABLE AND REALISTIC DIRECTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE NEXT DECADE AND BEYOND;

C) EXPLORATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE OF RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES AND OF WORLD EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS;

D) GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE WITH CENTRALLY PLANNED ECONOMIES, IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS; AND

3) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARMAMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT. HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE COMMISSION, WHICH HAS A UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJORITY OF MEMBERS FROM LDCS, WILL NOT QUOTE BE MISUSED BY GOVERNMENTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AS A PRETEXT FOR DELAYING DECISIONS UNQUOTE:

4. BRANDT SAID THAT THE COMMISSION'S SECRETARIAT WILL BE IN GENEVA, WHERE THE COMMISSION WILL HOLD ITS NEXT SESSION IN EARLY MARCH 1978. HE ANNOUNCED THAT DR. DRAGOSLAV AVRAMOVIC, A YUGOSLAV ECONOMIST, WILL BE DIRECTOR OF THE SECRETARIAT. AVRAMOVIC, GOREN OHLIN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY; AND JAN PRONK, HONORARY TREASURER, WILL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. BRANDT STATED THAT THE COMMISSION IS NOT MEANT TO BE ONE MORE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, BUT RATHER IS TO EXPLORE NEW ROADS AND GIVE ADVICE TO GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMMISSION, HE NOTED, WILL BE AN INDENEPDNENT BODY (IN CONTRAST TO THE PEARSON COMMISSION THAT WAS UNDER WORLD BANK AUSPICES) AND WILL MEET ITS OPERATING COSTS BY UNTIED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A VARIETY OF DONORS. HE SAID THAT A REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE DRAFTED IN ABOUT 18 MONTHS AND WILL BE DESIGNED TO REACH A WIDE PUBLIC AUDIENCE.

5. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE

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